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SUBJECT: THREAT TO TWA AIRCRAFT AT ROME
REF: (A) STATE 292382; (B) ROME 20606

1. FAA APPRECIATES REFTEL (B). TWA CORPORATE OFFICIALS
DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A STERILE HOLDING AREA WITHIN THE
AIRPORT STERILE CONCOURSE AT THE EXIT GATES TO CARRY
OUT A SECOND PASSENGER SCREENING OR REDUNDANT SCREENING
OPERATIONS FOR TWA FLIGHTS. TWA ENVISIONS THE USE OF
THE SAME AEROPUERTO DI ROMA (ADR) SECURITY PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO THE HOLDING AREA ON A CONTINUOUS AND PERMANENT
BASIS IN ORDER TO EXERCISE A DEGREE OF CONTINUITY AND
IMPROVED SUPERVISION. THE PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF ADR
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SECURITY PERSONNEL WOULD INCLUDE POSITIONS AT THE
TICKET ACCEPTANCE AND BAGGAGE CHECK-IN COUNTER. SUCH
AN ASSIGNMENT AT THE TICKET ACCEPTANCE AND BAGGAGE
CHECK-IN COUNTER, IN ADDITION TO THE STERILE HOLDING
AREA WITHIN THE STERILE CONCOURSE, WOULD BE ESSENTIAL
TO THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SECURITY OPERATIONS
AND TWA HAS ADVISED IT WOULD TRAIN AND INDOCTRINATE THE

PERMANENT CADRE ASSIGNED IN ALL ASPECTS OF ITS SECURITY PROGRAM. TWA WILL ABSORB COSTS INVOLVED. FYI, THIS WOULD INCLUDE SCREENING OF PASSENGERS, PROFILE CRITERIA AND OTHER ASPECTS OF TWA'S SECURITY PROGRAM. REPORTS RECEIVED HERE INDICATE SCREENING PROCEDURES, CHECKED BAGGAGE INSPECTIONS, MONITORING OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND SUPERVISION OF PERSONNEL ARE LAX AND INCONSISTENT. END FYI.

2. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED THREAT TO CIVIL AVIATION, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AND TWA HIGH RISK FLIGHTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST, A TWA DEDICATED STERILE HOLDING AREA FOR REDUNDANT SCREENING OF ITS PASSENGERS, THE CONTINUED USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION DOGS, TWA TRAINED ADR SECURITY PERSONNEL AT THE TICKET ACCEPTANCE AND AT THE BAGGAGE CHECK-IN COUNTERS WOULD GO FAR TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVE SECURITY OF ITS FLIGHTS. IN THIS CONNECTION AND AS INDICATED IN REFTEL (A), THE ITALIANS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 OPERATIONS. THIS INTEREST EXPRESSED TO FAA EXPLOSIVE EXPERT, WALTER KORSGAARD, BY CAP. DI P.L. DONATO COMMANDUCCI, COMMANDANTE DEL CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO CANI DI POLIXIA, AND HIS COLONEL (NFI), COMMANDANT OF THE POLICE ACADEMY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A TRIP IS PLANNED TO THE U.S. IN CY 78 FOR PURPOSES OF OBSERVING EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9
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TRAINING AND OPERATIONS.

3. FAA APPRECIATES EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE MISSION HAS BEEN PROVIDING TO TWA. TWA CORPORATE OFFICIALS REPORT THAT EXCELLENT COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED FROM GOI/AIRPORT AUTHORITIES. THERE APPEARS NO NEED NOW FOR STRONG MISSION APPROACH TO GOI. REQUEST MISSION PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND MONITOR PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO REQUEST MISSION'S COMMENTS AND EVALUATION ON REPORT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING DEVELOPING A K-9 EXPLOSIVE DETECTING CAPABILITY AND DETAILS WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN EXISTENCE AT LEONARD DA VINCI AIRPORT FOR EL AL, SWISSAIR AND IRANAIR FLIGHTS (REFTEL (A)). IN ADDITION, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT JAL, EGYPTAIR, LUFTHANSA, ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES AND AIR FRANCE ARE NOW PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN SCREENING. REQUEST EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND DETAILS ON ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT MAY BE IN EFFECT FOR THESE OTHER CARRIERS. VANCE

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